

R E M A R K S**A. INTRODUCTION**

Claims **3-14, 26-29 and 34-51** are pending and have been allowed.

As prosecution in the application has been closed, the Applicants hereby respectfully request continued examination in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114. This request is being made prior to payment of the issue fee.

B. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Applicants are submitting this Request for Continuing Examination to enable the Examiner to fully consider the corrections presented herein. In particular, Applicants have corrected the related-application data from serial number “09/164,473” to --09/165,089--, which mistake appeared in the specification on pages 1, 2, 22 and 38. This clerical error was discovered during a routine review of the specification and was inadvertent, as both the 09/164,473 and 09/165,089 applications, which are commonly owned by the assignee of the present application, were filed on the same date (October 1, 1998). Clearly, Applicants intended to cite the 09/165,089 application, entitled “Method and Apparatus For Documenting Cap Removal Data”, as a related case instead of the incorrectly cited application no. 09/164,473, which is for an “Electronic Amusement Device and Method for Enhanced Slot Machine Play” and pertains to a different field than the present case.

Applicants have also updated the related application information to note the issuance of application no. 09/165,089 as U.S. Patent No. 6,751,730 B1. Also, the title of application number 09/165,089 has been inserted on page 1 for the sake of consistency. In addition, applicants have updated the related application information on page 1 to insert application serial number 09/609,253 and the filing date of March 10, 2000 corresponding to Walker Digital Docket No. WD00-007.

Applicants believe that the present amendments have introduced no new matter, and thus respectfully request their entry.

C. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE APPROPRIATE FEES

Please charge any appropriate fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 – 1.18 for this Request for Continuing Examination and for any accompanying papers to Deposit Account 50-0271, Order No. 00-055. Please credit any overpayment to the same account.

Respectfully submitted,

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